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VEHICLE THEFTS DOWN FOR SECOND YEAR

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California vehicle thefts decreased in 2014 by almost 7 percent from 2013. This marks the second year in a row that vehicle thefts have declined, the California Highway Patrol (CHP) reports.

In 2012, 174,457 vehicles were stolen in California, which was an 11.26 percent increase from 2011. Vehicle thefts decreased by 2 percent in 2013, to 171,036. Theft continued to decrease in 2014, dropping to 159,271, a decrease of 6.9 percent from 2013.

“While the continuing decline in theft is good news,” CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said, “people need to remember that vehicle theft is a crime of opportunity. Simple deterrents such as locking vehicle doors, parking in a secure or highly visible location, and not leaving the car running unattended can make all the difference.”

The estimated total value of the stolen vehicles is approximately \$900 million. Almost 90 percent of the vehicles were successfully recovered. Of the vehicles recovered statewide, 65 percent were recovered intact and in drivable condition. Less than 4 percent were missing major components, 12 percent were stripped of minor parts, and 18.9 percent were intentionally burned or wrecked. Additionally, in 2014, 65 of the recovered vehicles, or 0.1 percent, were cargo theft only – the products in a commercial vehicle were stolen, but the vehicle and trailer were not stolen.

The most popular cars for thieves are the 1996, 1994, and 1997 Honda Accord. The 2007 Suzuki was the most-stolen motorcycle and the 1988 Toyota pickup was the most-stolen personal truck. Toyota pickups have been the most frequently stolen pickup truck since 1984, attributed to its resale value, interchangeable parts, and availability.

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Almost half of vehicle thefts occurred in the five Southern California counties of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego, which constitute 54 percent of California's population. The five Bay Area counties of Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara accounted for approximately 20 percent of all vehicle thefts.

The CHP offers drivers additional anti-theft tips:

- Always make sure you receive an ownership certificate when purchasing a used vehicle.
- Never hide a spare ignition key on the vehicle.
- Take extra precautions against theft if you drive one of the vehicles that is popular with thieves.
- Be aware of your surroundings prior to leaving your vehicle.
- Report possible vehicle theft activity by calling 1-800-TELL-CHP (1-800-835-5247).

The mission of the California Highway Patrol is to provide the highest level of Safety, Service, and Security.

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2014 California Vehicle Theft Facts

VEHICLE THEFTS

- In 2014, 159,271 vehicles were stolen. The estimated total value of the stolen vehicles is approximately \$900 million. (This figure is based on the average replacement value established by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.)
- Of the vehicles stolen in 2014, 58.2 percent were automobiles, 26.2 percent were personal trucks and vans, 3.7 percent were commercial trucks and trailers, and 4.6 percent were motorcycles. All other vehicles (recreational vehicles, construction and farm equipment, special construction, etc.) accounted for 7.3 percent.
- For each theft target category, the three most popular targets are listed below:

Autos

Honda Accord 1996
Honda Accord 1994
Honda Accord 1997

Motorcycles

Suzuki 2007
Yamaha 2007
Suzuki 2006

Personal Trucks and Vans

Toyota Pickup 1988
Chevrolet Silverado 2003
Honda CRV 1999

Commercial Trucks

Freightliner 2007
Freightliner 2006
Freightliner 2008

Recreational Vehicles

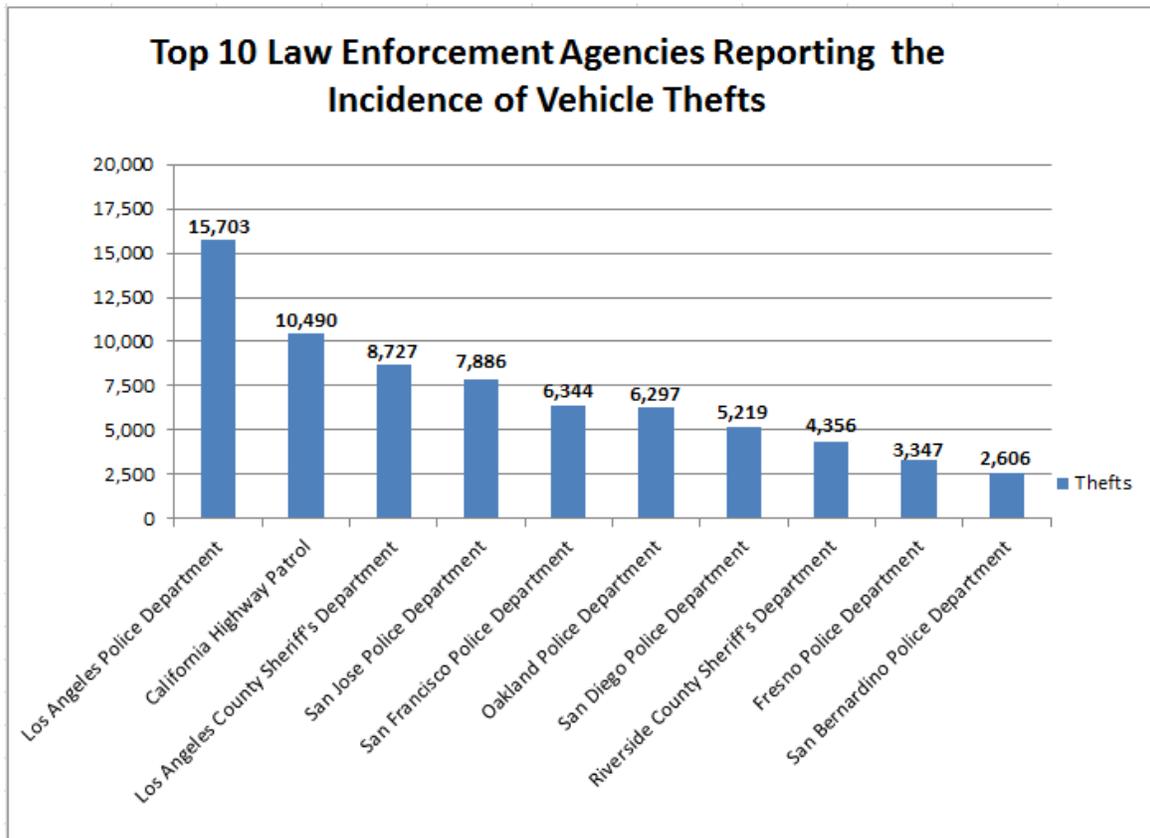
All-Terrain Vehicle 2005
Specialized Golf Cart 2014
All-Terrain Vehicle 2013

Trailers

Homemade Utility Trailer 2014
Homemade Utility Trailer 2000
Carson Trailer 2005

WHERE THE THEFTS OCCURRED

- Approximately 48.4 percent of all thefts occurred in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties). Of the thefts in Southern California, 51.1 percent occurred in Los Angeles County.
- Approximately 20 percent of all thefts occurred in the San Francisco Bay area (Alameda, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties). Of the thefts in the San Francisco Bay area, 41.3 occurred in Alameda County.
- Approximately 4.2 percent of all thefts occurred in Sacramento County.
- Approximately 3.1 percent of all thefts occurred in Fresno County.
- The remaining 24.3 percent of thefts occurred throughout California.

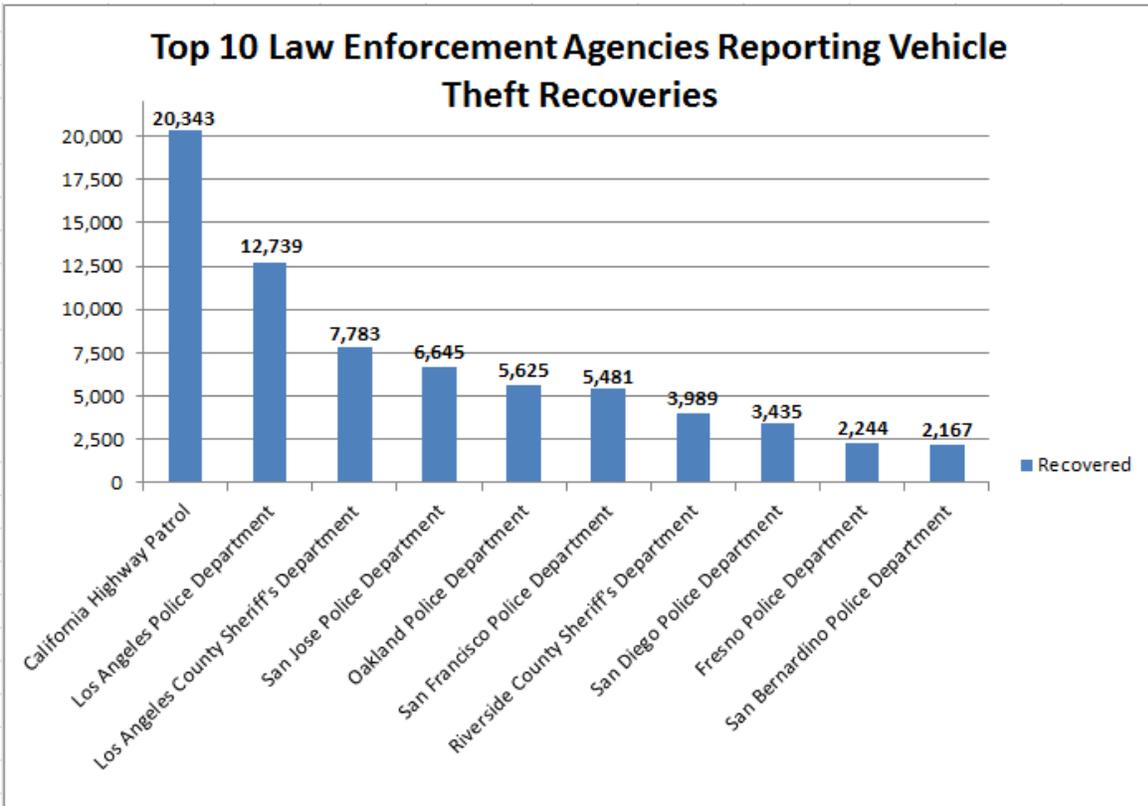


VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

- The 1996 Honda Accord ranks as the number one stolen vehicle statewide, the 1994 and 1997 Honda Accord are ranked at numbers two and three, respectively. The Honda Accord has remained the top ranking vehicle for theft since 2006.
- Since 1984, Toyota pickups have consistently ranked as the number one most frequently stolen pickup truck. Its popularity is due to its resale value, interchangeable parts, easily defeated ignition system, and availability.
- The 2007 Suzuki and the 2007 Yamaha have ranked as the number one and two most frequently stolen motorcycles every year since 2008.
- Model years 2007, 2006, and 2008 Freightliner commercial trucks are ranked as the three most frequently stolen vehicles in their category. John Deere farm equipment has ranked as the number one stolen vehicle in its category since 2008. These vehicles and equipment are popular targets because of their high resale value, popularity, and availability.

VEHICLE RECOVERIES

- Of the 159,271 vehicles stolen statewide in 2014, 89.6 percent were successfully recovered, representing 142,784 recovered vehicles.
- Of the vehicles stolen statewide, 95.5 percent of the automobiles, 46.1 percent of the motorcycles, 90.1 percent of the personal trucks and vans, and 86 percent of the commercial trucks were recovered.
- Of the vehicles recovered statewide, 65 percent were recovered intact and in drivable condition, 3.6 percent were missing major components, 12.4 percent were stripped of minor parts, and 18.9 percent were intentionally burned and/or wrecked, the remaining .1 percent is considered cargo theft only.
- In 2014, it was determined that 65 of the recovered vehicles were cargo theft only. At .1 percent, the total number of cargo thefts in California is low compared to overall vehicle thefts, however, it is considered an ongoing problem as cargo theft is estimated to cost Californians hundreds of millions of dollars annually.



INFORMATION SOURCES

- California Department of Justice, Stolen Vehicle System
- California Highway Patrol, Vehicle Theft Information System
- Federal Bureau of Investigation



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CALIFORNIA VEHICLE THEFT

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

THEFT AND RECOVERY DATA

A. THEFTS	2014	2013	% +/-
Automobiles	92,685	100,818	-8.1%
Motorcycles	7,308	7,511	-2.7%
Personal trucks and vans	41,768	44,127	-5.3%
Commercial trucks	987	1,501	-34.2%
Recreational vehicles	1,206	1,272	-5.2%
Trailers	4,882	6,177	-21.1%
Other	10,435	9,630	8.4%
TOTAL	159,271	171,036	-6.9%
B. RECOVERIES			
Automobiles	88,479	96,838	-8.6%
Motorcycles	3,367	3,144	7.1%
Personal trucks and vans	37,613	39,727	-5.3%
Commercial trucks	849	1,277	-33.5%
Recreational vehicles	612	627	-2.4%
Trailers	2,522	2,317	-8.8%
Other	9,342	8,483	10.1%
TOTAL	142,784	152,413	-6.3%
C. RECOVERY RATE (%)			
Automobiles	95.5%	96.1%	-0.6%
Motorcycles	46.1%	41.9%	4.2%
Personal trucks and vans	90.1%	90.0%	0.1%
Commercial trucks	86.0%	85.1%	0.9%
Recreational vehicles	50.7%	49.3%	1.4%
Trailers	51.7%	37.6%	14.2%
Other	89.5%	88.1%	1.4%
TOTAL	89.6%	89.1%	0.5%



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Thefts by County

COUNTY	2013	2014	% +/-	COUNTY	2013	2014	% +/-
Alameda	14,118	13,224	-6.3%	Orange	7,639	6,624	-13.3%
Alpine	0	1	0.0%	Placer	549	546	-0.5%
Amador	40	46	15.0%	Plumas	8	20	150.0%
Butte	934	878	-6.0%	Riverside	10,070	9,521	-5.5%
Calaveras	122	94	-23.0%	Sacramento	7,191	6,772	-5.8%
Colusa	47	30	-36.2%	San Benito	122	115	-5.7%
Contra Costa	6,497	6,394	-1.6%	San Bernardino	12,357	11,178	-9.5%
Del Norte	79	80	1.3%	San Diego	12,200	10,383	-14.9%
El Dorado	239	259	8.4%	San Francisco	5,574	6,392	14.7%
Fresno	6,494	4,962	-23.6%	San Joaquin	4,360	4,137	-5.1%
Glenn	69	58	-15.9%	San Luis Obispo	339	352	3.8%
Humboldt	551	514	-6.7%	San Mateo	1,607	1,670	3.9%
Imperial	478	570	19.2%	Santa Barbara	1,076	1,165	8.3%
Inyo	15	12	-20.0%	Santa Clara	10,460	10,153	-2.9%
Kern	5,903	4,891	-17.1%	Santa Cruz	813	929	14.3%
Kings	442	364	-17.6%	Shasta	1,091	884	-19.0%
Lake	168	170	1.2%	Sierra	1	1	0.0%
Lassen	45	37	-17.8%	Siskiyou	71	64	-9.9%
Los Angeles	41,811	39,470	-5.6%	Solano	2,410	2,326	-3.5%
Madera	456	427	-6.4%	Sonoma	730	832	14.0%
Marin	622	533	-14.3%	Stanislaus	3,479	2,935	-15.6%
Mariposa	10	7	-30.0%	Sutter	688	505	-26.6%
Mendocino	125	131	4.8%	Tehama	230	234	1.7%
Merced	1,250	1,099	-12.1%	Trinity	23	23	0.0%
Modoc	9	9	0.0%	Tulare	2,158	1,867	-13.5%
Mono	2	7	250.0%	Tuolumne	115	126	9.6%
Monterey	2,035	2,219	9.0%	Ventura	1,698	1,639	-3.5%
Napa	245	216	-11.8%	Yolo	591	618	4.6%
Nevada	149	147	-1.3%	Yuba	159	115	-27.7%
				Other	272	296	8.8%

Total	2013	2014	% +/-
	171,036	159,271	-6.9%



2014

Recoveries by County

COUNTY	2013	2014	% +/-	COUNTY	2013	2014	% +/-
Alameda	13,586	12,769	-6.0%	Orange	5,948	5,317	-10.6%
Alpine	0	0	0.0%	Placer	431	400	-7.2%
Amador	31	37	19.4%	Plumas	7	13	85.7%
Butte	771	730	-5.3%	Riverside	8,861	8,477	-4.3%
Calaveras	85	46	-45.9%	Sacramento	6,639	6,228	-6.2%
Colusa	33	25	-24.2%	San Benito	165	158	-4.2%
Contra Costa	6,339	6,259	-1.3%	San Bernardino	10,999	9,920	-9.8%
Del Norte	64	60	-6.3%	San Diego	10,197	8,428	-17.3%
El Dorado	182	216	18.7%	San Francisco	5,066	5,861	15.7%
Fresno	6,130	4,536	-26.0%	San Joaquin	3,760	3,684	-2.0%
Glenn	50	49	-2.0%	San Luis Obispo	320	331	3.4%
Humboldt	498	468	-6.0%	San Mateo	1,319	1,381	4.7%
Imperial	239	263	10.0%	Santa Barbara	932	1,040	11.6%
Inyo	11	11	0.0%	Santa Clara	9,914	9,436	-4.8%
Kern	5,003	4,210	-15.9%	Santa Cruz	694	780	12.4%
Kings	319	304	-4.7%	Shasta	945	797	-15.7%
Lake	125	137	9.6%	Sierra	0	0	0.0%
Lassen	39	32	-17.9%	Siskiyou	46	51	10.9%
Los Angeles	36,760	34,578	-5.9%	Solano	2,121	2,172	2.4%
Madera	399	342	-14.3%	Sonoma	611	736	20.5%
Marin	470	386	-17.9%	Stanislaus	2,980	2,666	-10.5%
Mariposa	6	4	-33.3%	Sutter	601	463	-23.0%
Mendocino	114	130	14.0%	Tehama	208	218	4.8%
Merced	1,082	998	-7.8%	Trinity	13	18	38.5%
Modoc	4	9	125.0%	Tulare	2,265	1,820	-19.6%
Mono	2	7	250.0%	Tuolumne	88	82	-6.8%
Monterey	1,901	2,105	10.7%	Ventura	1,419	1,430	0.8%
Napa	190	181	-4.7%	Yolo	491	496	1.0%
Nevada	110	129	17.3%	Yuba	161	99	-38.5%
				Other	1,110	1,261	13.6%

Total	2013	2014	% +/-
	152,854	142,784	-6.6%

2014 TOP 40 HIGH THEFT - AUTOMOBILES

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	THEFTS
1	HOND	ACC	1996	4116
2	HOND	ACC	1994	3840
3	HOND	ACC	1997	3789
4	HOND	CIV	1998	3348
5	HOND	ACC	1995	3116
6	HOND	CIV	1997	2921
7	HOND	CIV	2000	2609
8	HOND	CIV	1995	2515
9	HOND	CIV	1999	2124
10	HOND	ACC	1991	2120
11	HOND	ACC	1992	2104
12	HOND	CIV	1996	2088
13	HOND	ACC	1993	1973
14	HOND	CIV	1994	1679
15	HOND	ACC	1990	1674
16	HOND	CIV	1993	1608
17	HOND	CIV	1992	793
18	ACUR	INT	1994	689
19	ACUR	INT	1995	649
20	TOYT	CAM	1991	600
21	HOND	CIV	1991	585
22	TOYT	CAM	1990	523
23	TOYT	CAM	1989	499
24	ACUR	INT	1996	476
25	HOND	CIV	1990	437
26	ACUR	INT	1997	415
27	NISS	MAX	1996	374
28	ACUR	INT	1998	362
29	ACUR	INT	1991	338
30	TOYT	CAM	1988	311
31	NISS	MAX	1997	305
32	NISS	ALT	1997	293
33	ACUR	INT	1990	292
34	NISS	MAX	1995	291
35	HOND	CIV	1989	285
36	NISS	SEN	1994	265
37	ACUR	INT	1999	262
38	NISS	SEN	1997	257
39	NISS	MAX	1998	253
40	HOND	ACC	1998	246

2014 TOP 40 HIGH THEFT - PERSONAL TRUCKS

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	THEFTS
1	TOYT	PK	1988	299
2	CHEV	SLV	2003	277
3	HOND	CRV	1999	271
4	CHEV	SLV	2006	266
5	HOND	CRV	1998	246
6	TOYT	PK	1986	246
7	CHEV	SLV	2004	243
8	CHEV	SLV	2005	242
9	HOND	CRV	2000	235
10	NISS	PK	1995	229
11	CHEV	SLV	2001	222
12	HOND	CRV	1997	217
13	TOYT	PK	1987	215
14	HOND	CRV	2001	214
15	NISS	PK	1997	206
16	TOYT	PK	1989	206
17	CHEV	SLV	2000	203
18	TOYT	PK	1985	199
19	NISS	PK	1986	198
20	NISS	PK	1993	195
21	CHEV	SLV	2002	189
22	NISS	PK	1991	189
23	CHEV	TAH	2001	180
24	CHEV	SLV	2007	174
25	CHEV	TAH	2003	169
26	FORD	F15	2014	163
27	TOYT	PK	1990	163
28	NISS	PK	1994	162
29	CHEV	TAH	2004	158
30	TOYT	PK	1994	157
31	TOYT	PK	1992	154
32	TOYT	PK	1993	154
33	CHEV	TAH	2002	144
34	NISS	PK	1990	143
35	TOYT	PK	1991	140
36	NISS	PK	1992	139
37	NISS	PK	1987	136
38	CHEV	TAH	2005	126
39	CADI	ESC	2002	125
40	FORD	F15	2013	122

2014 TOP 40 HIGH THEFT - MOTORCYCLES

RANK	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	THEFTS
1	SUZI	MC	2007	182
2	YAMA	MC	2007	129
3	SUZI	MC	2006	110
4	YAMA	MC	2012	107
5	YAMA	MC	2006	104
6	HOND	MC	2005	103
7	YAMA	MC	2005	100
8	HOND	MC	2006	98
9	YAMA	MC	2013	98
10	YAMA	MC	2009	96
11	HOND	MC	2007	92
12	HOND	MC	2004	87
13	SUZI	MC	2008	86
14	HOND	MC	2003	82
15	SUZI	MC	2013	78
16	HOND	MC	2008	74
17	KAWK	MC	2007	73
18	YAMA	MC	2008	70
19	YAMA	MC	2014	69
20	SUZI	MC	2005	68
21	YAMA	MC	2003	68
22	HD	MC	2013	67
23	YAMA	MC	2004	67
24	HOND	MC	2002	66
25	HD	MC	2006	63
26	HOND	MC	2012	63
27	KAWK	MC	2006	59
28	KAWK	MC	2013	59
29	SUZI	MC	2009	59
30	HD	MC	2007	58
31	HOND	MC	2013	58
32	HOND	MC	2001	57
33	KAWK	MC	2005	57
34	HD	MC	2005	56
35	HD	MC	2008	53
36	KAWK	MC	2009	52
37	HOND	MC	2009	50
38	SUZI	MC	2012	50
39	HD	MC	2003	49
40	SUZI	MC	2011	49